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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action
mailed on July 10, 2002. Please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 13 and 21 as follows:

Sub 13
13.(Amended) A suspension for a data storage device, the suspension comprising:
a suspension body formed from a layer of metal; and
a composite stiffener formed from a composite material and bonded to a portion
of the suspension body by an adhesive.

Sub 21
21.(Amended) A suspension for a storage device, the suspension comprising:
a suspension body formed from a layer of metal; and
stiffener means formed of a composite material for increasing the stiffness of
selected areas of the suspension and bonded to the suspension body by an
adhesive.